

**City of Milton-Freewater
City Council Minutes**

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met in regular session Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Albee Room of the Library.

The following members were present: Mayor Lewis Key, Councilors Orrin Lyon, Ed Chesnut, Keith Woods, Debbie Kelley and Steve Irving.

Councilor Brad Humbert was absent due to being out of town.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, Public Works Superintendent Dave Bradshaw and City Recorder Leanne Steadman.

Citizens present were: Tom Buell, Jolynn Buell, Dick Stewart, Linda Frank, Susan Turbyne Davis, Leona Shumway, Ann Jolly, Skip York, Arla Ruthven, Jack Ruthven, Richard Jolly, Robin Jolly, Merle Sherman, Betty Alexander, Ryan Stoner, Neria Jolly, Jim Olsen, Jim Lyle, Clayton Stewart, Herb March, Marjorie Roff, Jose Virrey, Erendira Palacios, Rick Rambo, Carlotta Richardson, Jeff Anliker, Dana Dibble, Bill Daugherty, Robert Klein, Tina Kain, Adam Sherman, Irene Walters, Karen Haugen, Corky York, Jim Burns, Craig McIntyre, Bonie McIntyre, Karen Ehart, John Ehart, Kenneth Schiewe, Fran Hendricks, Dan Ganaway and Barbara Coddington. Valerie Franklin and Elon Hasson from Horizon Wind Energy were also present.

Press members present were: Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald and Samantha Bates of the East Oregonian.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

The consent calendar items consisted of minutes from the September 8, 2008 regular council meeting, executive session minutes from September 8, 2008 and accounts payable from September 4 – September 16, 2008.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to approve the consent calendar items. Councilor Woods seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

**RECOGNITION TO THE PROPERTY OWNER OF 302 NW 8TH FOR THE
"SPRUCE-UP / CLEAN-UP" PROGRAM**

Councilor Chesnut presented the first "Spruce-Up / Clean-Up" recognition certificate to the property owners of 302 NW 8th, Erindira Placios-Gonzales and Jose Virrey-Jimenez. This is a new program and is designed to recognize the property owners who have significantly improved their property.

**PRESENTATION FROM HORIZON WIND ENERGY REGARDING WIND ENERGY
PROJECTS**

Valerie Schafer Franklin, Project Development Manager for Horizon Wind Energy gave a presentation about wind energy. She thanked the council for letting her speak at the council meeting. She said she was there in the spirit of transparency and openness to inform the council on what Horizon Wind Energy was working on in the area. In her presentation she said Horizon Wind Energy develops, constructs, owns and operates wind farms throughout

the United States. She said Horizon now owns and operates over 1,500 mega watts (MW) of wind projects and have 11,000MW additional in development nation-wide. She said that 1MW was enough energy to power about 300 homes.

Councilor Woods asked Ms. Franklin to repeat how many homes 1MW would power.

Ms. Franklin said each MW powers 300 homes, Northwest Homes, so they currently power approximately 450,000 homes.

Ms. Franklin said Horizon Wind Energy was the number three owner and operator of wind energy in the United States and number four in the world. She said Horizon Wind Energy operates with honesty, trust, integrity, quality and transparency. She explained that there are five key elements to wind energy; transmission, permit and public support, land, good wind and access to turbines and power customers. They find and develop wind projects by looking at topography maps and they also do a personal site visit of the property. One of the signs of a lot of wind is the flagging of the trees. Once a site has been declared as a possible project site they install a 50 meter steel pole that's 6-8" in diameter and has instruments at 10, 30 and 50 meters which gives the wind company data of the wind performance which is collected for approximately two years. Another aspect of developing a wind project is the proximity to transmission lines that could support the energy developed by the wind turbines in which case there is a 230 kilovolt line that runs directly through the projected site that is owned by PacifiCorp. Ms. Franklin reviewed the permit process and said it was a very timely process. She said they must have environmental studies done prior to submitting a permit. If the wind project is less than 104MW the permit goes through the County level as a conditional use permit. If the project is greater than 104MW then the permit is required to be submitted to the Oregon State Energy Facility Siting and Evaluation Council. She said altogether in a best case scenario it could take three years, in a more likely scenario it could take five years and the worst case scenario it could take seven years for a project. She showed Horizon Wind Energy's statistics on wind turbines regarding birds. Her statistics showed that buildings and house cats kill more birds than wind turbines. According to Ms. Franklin she stated that Horizon's landowner leases did not prohibit hunting during development or operation of the wind turbines on the property but that they do ask for notice for the safety of there workers. She showed examples of visual simulations of what the wind turbines would look like on the landscape and said this was their usual standard practice during the permit process. According to Ms. Franklin she said there has been research and studies have shown no significant impact on property values positive or negative due to wind projects. However, the wind turbines are taxed as an improvement on the property similar to a house or shed so they are subject to the County property tax. She said taxes for landowners will, if anything, go down, not up.

Rick Rambo – 104 Saager, asked since the wind turbines were a depreciable asset, did the tax dollars go down after each year.

Ms. Franklin said under a normal situation the answer would be yes. She said Paul Chalmers who is the tax assessor for Umatilla County and what Horizon Wind Energy prefers to do is what was called a strategic investment program. Which was a plan that was agreed upon before the project on the land was developed that would have a reduced amount overall instead of having a reduction every year which would be a consistent payment for all the years of depreciation, which she thought was for twenty (20) years.

Mr. Rambo asked if the turbines were to be improved if that started the depreciation process over again.

Ms. Franklin said if a new turbine replaced an old turbine then she believed it would start over.

Ryan Stoner – 512 S. Grant, Kennewick, Washington, he asked if any of the wind quadrants in Umatilla County were under the strategic investment program.

Ms. Franklin said she did not believe there was.

Mr. Stoner said there were not any under that program in Umatilla County.

Ms. Franklin concurred and said there wasn't any in the county that she knew of.

Ms. Franklin went on to say that the projects that they develop are of the utility scale project size which meant very large. She said they were usually sold through large power purchasers like PacifiCorp or Portland General Electric but once the power is on the grid then it could be sold anywhere. The community impacts, she explained, were more local spending in the area of the wind farm projects along with temporary jobs during the construction phase of the projects which usually lasts six to eight (6-8) months. She said the local projects they were working on were for Linton Mountain, Basket Mountain and Weston Mountain. She said according to the maps there was good wind but that they were collecting data from their met towers installed on Linton Mountain and one on Weston Mountain. She said one of the towers have been installed for approximately five (5) month and the other one for about three or four (3-4) months. She said they have contacted some land owners in the areas that they were looking at if the data shows good wind. There have been approximately fifty (50) land owners contacted with about forty five (45) land owners being very positive about the project.

Councilor Irving asked if a project was installed and then ten years down the road it started to fail, was there something in the contracts that allowed for dismantling and decommission of the wind turbines.

Ms. Franklin said not only is it in the lease but there is a standard clause of decommissioning. They fund a restoration fund in year ten (10) of a wind project. They fund this as part of their lease and if the permit process goes through the state then it is part of their requirement. She said she was unsure if it was a county requirement.

City Manager Linda Hall said she thought the county required a bond that the wind generation farms posted that would pay for the dismantles of the wind turbines.

Jim Burns – Weston, Oregon – asked what it cost to erect a wind turbine.

Ms. Franklin said she wasn't sure what the total cost was to install the wind turbine but the tower itself cost over two (2) million.

Skip York – 404 Pierce, asked how many towers Horizon Wind Energy planned on installing on this project.

Ms. Franklin said 300 megawatt so that would be about 150 turbines if they used two (2) megawatt turbines.

Mr. York asked if that was just for Horizon's project.

Ms. Franklin said yes.

Mr. Stoner asked if you could add to a project at anytime.

Ms. Franklin said only as the permit would require. She said the construction itself was the expensive part.

Dana Dibble – 84504 Weis Rd., asked where the turbines would be placed on Linton, Basket and Weston Mountain. Would they be placed on the ridges.

Ms. Franklin said they would be placed mostly below the tree line.

Ms. Hall said Horizon Wind Energy should be very proud of Ms. Franklin for coming and speaking to the council because there have not been any of the other wind generation companies that have do that. She felt that everyone appreciated Ms. Franklin for talking and sharing information no matter how they felt about wind generation. Ms. Hall asked for clarification regarding the property tax slide that Ms. Franklin had shown. She felt it contradicted itself by saying it would not have any significant impact on property owners but then said that property taxes would go down.

Ms. Franklin said there would be no significant impact on property values.

Councilor Irving spoke up and said he understood it to mean that Horizon Wind would absorb a lot of the tax that the landowner would be burden with which would defuse the expense of the property owners and reduce the homeowners taxes.

Ms. Hall referred to Ms. Franklins visual simulations that she had shown as part of her presentation. She said she had just attended a Umatilla County Planning Commission sub-committee for the wind turbines and there were other wind companies there who were asked if they would provide visual simulations and their answers were no. Ms. Hall asked if Ms. Franklin knew of a reason why the other companies would not want to provide that information.

Ms. Franklin said the visual simulations were probably more common with the state requirements especially with the larger projects.

Ms. Hall asked if visual simulations were a state requirement.

Ms. Franklin said she was pretty sure it was. She said Horizon did it for the projects at Kittitas Valley and Wildhorse Project in Ellensburg, Washington.

Jeff Anliker – 325 W. Broadway, said the people in the Milton-Freewater Valley really only have one thing here and that's the view shed. He said he felt the view shed is what property is valued on. He felt that once you put up 400ft wind turbines that view shed was gone forever.

Arla Ruthven – 84547 Weis Rd., she said there were thousands of people in the area that were concerned and some of them didn't know about what was going on until about two weeks

ago. She said she would like to know everything there is possible to know about the project because the Blue Mountains are the lively hood of this area.

Neriah Jolly – 54462 Upper Dry Creek Rd., she said she felt wind energy was not the avenue to address the energy concerns in the Pacific Northwest. She felt other ways should be explored like nuclear.

Linda Frank – 53630 Stiller Lane, said the integrity of the mountain needs to be thought about.

Mr. Dibble asked how far down from the tree line and how far apart would the turbines be.

Ms. Franklin said it really depended on the wind data and that they have only started the process for reading the wind.

Mr. Stoner referred to the Kittitas County project and said he understood that the county did not want the wind turbine project but that Horizon Wind pursued to file a law suit even after the county said no. He asked Ms. Franklin if that was the plan of Horizon for Umatilla County.

Ms. Franklin said in Kittitas County they took a poll and found that most citizens supported the project but that county commissioners voted it down. She did say there was a pending law suit currently that was determining whether or not the State Energy Facility Siting and Evaluation Council were constitutionally allowed to be created in the first place.

Councilor Kelley spoke about the education reimbursement that comes from the wind turbines. She said all education dollars go to Salem Oregon and then it gets distributed throughout the state and it would not stay in Umatilla County. She said it would not have any benefit or deficit to us whether the project was here or not.

John Ehart – 108 Dehaven, said he was against the skyline being changed. He said he also had great concern for property rights and owner usage. He asked what the regulations were when a wind company looks at while in the planning process of a wind farm. For example; how far, how high, line sets and back sets that the citizens all live by in everyday living.

Mr. York said he knows of someone who has been approached by a wind company and has had a contract presented to them. He said no one had approached this person to not put wind turbines on their property and to not sign the contract.

Ms. Jolly said she was concerned about Measure 49 and how it was going to affect the tax burden as well as the feasibility of the wind project. She asked how the city council was going to address that issue.

Ms. Hall said that Ms. Jolly had raised a very valid point. She said when the voters adopted Measure 37 which was later modified by Measure 49 the effects of that would not affect the city council because they were not the governing body of the area that was being discussed which would be Umatilla County. She said that could happen with the city council if the area affected was within the jurisdiction of the governing body. Each property owner has the ability to file a claim against Umatilla County for any kind of zoning regulation that they would adopt that would limit that property owner's ability to raise revenue on their property. She said there were many rules and regulations with that law.

Ms. Jolly said again she wanted to know what the city council was going to do about that.

Councilor Chesnut said it was very important to remember that that the city council did not have any jurisdiction over energy facility sitings on land outside the City of Milton-Freewater's city limits and urban growth boundaries.

Mr. York asked how many wind turbines would be seen from town and how close would they be.

Ms. Franklin said she didn't know for sure but that they would be on top of the ridge line.

Ms. Ruthven said she felt this was a big problem. She said the wind project needed to be researched and not just for a couple of weeks but for a year and talk this over as a community. She said thousands of people were going to lose out and only a few people gain from the project. She felt that the view of the Blue Mountains were the reason for people coming to Milton-Freewater and said if Walla Walla Washington was going to be approached for a wind farm that they would step on board too.

Susan Turbine Davis – 54211 Turbyne Rd., she showed pictures of the view of the Blue Mountains from her house. She said she does not want a view of little white towers from her house. She is also the President of the Women's Improvement Club and said all the women she has talked to all have great concerns about the view.

Mr. Dibble asked how big the towers would be.

Ms. Franklin said modern wind towers would be four hundred (400) foot tall.

Mr. Dibble asked if anyone knew how big the towers were behind City Hall.

Ms. Hall said three hundred (300) feet.

Ms. Franklin said they would be another one hundred (100) feet tall.

Mr. Burns said he understood there was a meeting held for property owners and he wasn't invited. He said Herb March's property came to Hwy 11 and goes to the top of the hill so that gives a good idea of where the towers could be placed. He said in the contract it says once you have signed you can't talk to anyone about it not even your neighbors. He felt that the wind company had something to hide. He said that the State of Oregon gives the wind companies twenty million (\$20,000,000) dollars for the projects which are tax payer dollars. He asked how much money they were going to pay for each tree that needed to be taken out to build roads to accommodate all the construction traffic for the wind project. Mr. Burns said he has put a price of \$300 per pine tree regardless of the size and \$1,000 for every red fir tree. He said there is a greater value of where and how we live and this wind project is going to split the valley and when it is split it will never be the same again. He also said at the Federal Level there was talk about nuclear power plants being built. The power generated from the project being talked about would most likely go to California.

Jolynn Buell – 78441 Rayborn Rd., Weston, Oregon, she said her and her husband had signed a contract with Horizon Wind Energy. She said she felt the company was very transparent and there was a line in the contract about not talking to your neighbors about it. She asked the

wind company what that meant. She was told that meant they were not allowed to talk about specific dollar amounts. She said she loves the mountains too and she would still like the view with the wind mills on it.

Councilor Chesnut referred to Measures 37 and 49, he said that they were the populates of the State of Oregon stating the property rights are extremely important and property owners cannot be told what to do with their property but yet that was what was going on during the meeting. He said people were at the meeting stating they didn't want other people putting wind mills on their property because everyone would have to look at them. He said everyone in the meeting finds their self being in a situation of pronouncing rather loudly that property owners get to do what they want to do unless someone disagrees with what they are doing. He said he had brought up the comment so people would think about what was going on.

Ms. Ruthven asked how much noise would the wind turbines make.

Councilor Woods said one of the great things about Measure 49 is that it gives you the right to buy that right which meant the view shed would have to be bought. What would the equivalent dollar be to protect or buy the view shed.

Ms. Franklin said the lease contracts were not public information.

Councilor Woods said to mitigate for Measure 49 it would have to have a calculation on what the economic lose would be and at that time there would have to be proof of that lose which would have to make the wind company contracts public and there would have to be a law suit to prove the economic lose in some type of public manner. At that point the decision would have to be made if the people of society wanted to buy the view shed.

Elon Hasson with Horizon Wind Energy said Councilor Woods analogy was correct that you would essentially be paying the landowners to not put the wind towers on the property.

Councilor Kelley said there are projects like that done all over the United States essentially paying people to not do certain things to their property.

Mayor Key said it was similar to Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Councilor Kelley said there was an entity called Oregon Trust and Pacific Northwest Trust and they were funded by people who were interested in buying the right to not allow certain things go into properties and pay for the leasing loss to the land owners. She said there is a way to put value to the view shed if people were interested in going that direction.

Ms. Jolly said she felt what people do with their land effects everyone. She said paying people to not develop their land is wasteful and there were better things to spend that money on.

Bonnie McEntire – Upper Dry Creek Rd., she said many of her neighbors have been approached with wind mill contracts and she has not. She said every morning she drives past the water tower that says, "Welcome to Milton-Freewater at the Base of the Blues" and she said she loves that view of the blues and that was why she moved here. She felt the City of Milton-Freewater city council meeting was not the place to talk about the wind mill project that it should be talked about to the State Representatives to stop the money source for building wind mill farms.

Mr. Stoner said he had received his master degree in wind generation and has done a lot of research on the subject of wind mills. He felt the answer was not necessarily no wind but to have better communication about it and listen to the people in the communities that are affected by the wind farms. He said with his background on energy, nuclear power was the way of the future especially now that waste was being recycled. He said there were positives and negatives about wind generation and offered to talk to anyone who wanted more information about it. He also said in his research he found that some of the wind companies had funded the twenty percent (20%) mandated green power requirement of twenty percent (20%) which did not include hydro power. He said basically the companies were using their own money to lobby a requirement which in turn pays the wind companies for putting in wind farm projects and it does not include hydro power as green power which the community gets most of their power from. He felt that was very deceitful. Mr. Stoner said he had calculations to prove that it was not possible to get to the 20% requirement of green power with wind in the United States unless there was a transmission line built from Mississippi to this area.

Ms. Franklin said there were a lot of spring time peaking projects in the Columbia Gorge where the wind peaks at the same time as the hydro system causing a transmission constraint. She said her understanding was that the project area of the Blue Mountains Foothills was a winter peaking area which was one of the reasons they were interested in the area and that they were also looking for other places for projects other than the Columbia Gorge so that there was more transmission capacity.

Councilor Woods thanked Valerie Schafer Franklin and Elon Hasson from Horizon Wind Energy for coming to the meeting and sharing their information.

Mayor Key said that the city council provided this presentation as a forum since the wind project was out of the council's jurisdiction. He thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Key announced there would be a short break, 8:32 p.m.

Council returned at 8:40 p.m.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

BID AWARD – SALE OF ALFALFA HAY PRODUCED AT THE CITY'S FARM

Public Works Superintendent Dave Bradshaw reported that the city had advertised and accepted sealed bids for the city's share of the hay produced at the city farm. There were three bids received; English Hay Co., Inc., Leber Farms and JC Farming. Mr. Bradshaw explained that Lot #4 was an estimate since it had not been cut yet. There were seven lots to bid on with approximately 396.65 tons of hay. Staff's recommendation was to award the bid to English Hay Co., Inc.

Mayor Key asked who bailed the hay.

Mr. Bradshaw explained that the city had a contract with Leber Farms to cut and bail the hay.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to award lots 1 through 7 to English Hay Company, Inc. of Mesa, Washington in the amount of \$71,078.80. Councilor Woods seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2102 ELECTRIC UTILITY SURCHARGE FOR
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND**

City Manager Linda Hall reported that there was a utility surcharge in place for the sewer and water departments but not the electric department. She said the proposal was a utility surcharge for infrastructure improvement reserve fund for the electric department. The surcharge would be \$2.50 per month per utility account. The revenue collected from this surcharge would be kept separate for infrastructure improvement projects. She said that one of the improvement projects was an automated meter reading (AMR) program. The revenue from the surcharge would help fund the program which has been estimated to cost around two million dollars (\$2,000,000).

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed electric utility surcharge fee, service availability charge, rate increase and charges with regard to inside and outside utility customers.

Councilor Chesnut asked if the utility surcharge was legal as another tax under the tax limits.

Ms. Hall said she had a legal opinion from the city attorney and he said, "The fee was not subject to the limits of Section 11(b), Article XI, of the Oregon Constitution". She said there were a couple different requirements that would have to take place for the new surcharge and that was that a resolution would have to be passed and it would be required to be advertised in the county newspaper.

A discussion ensued about the different types of AMR systems that were available. Public Works Superintendent Dave Bradshaw and Engineering Technician Tina Kain explained how some of the different systems would work and how they would be implemented.

Ms. Hall said she wanted to be very clear that the electric utility surcharge could be used for capital infrastructure improvements and not just the AMR system.

Councilor Kelley motion to adopt Resolution No. 2102, Resolution Implementing the Extension of the Utility Surcharge for Infrastructure Improvement Reserve Fund to the Electric Utility. Councilor Chesnut seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO APPROACH THE COUNCIL WITH ISSUES
NOT ON THIS AGENDA**

Ann Jolly – 1103 Walnut, she commended the council for holding two separate meetings on wind energy. She said there were a lot of concerned citizens in the community about wind energy being placed on the foothills of the Blue Mountains. She said there was a meeting held and it was well attended. She asked the city council to study the wind energy issue and make a stand for or against the provision of wind turbines within certain areas. She said she felt there should be designated areas of where the turbines could be placed.

Mayor Key said the city was participating in the Umatilla County Planning Commission's wind energy sub-committee which was studying the issue.

Ms. Hall thanked Ms. Jolly for her comments and said that council had instructed her to study the issue and she had spent a lot of time doing research on wind energy. She said she has been attending the Umatilla County Planning Commission meetings that have appointed a

sub-committee for wind energy. Ms. Hall said the city is involved with the county's meetings.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Hall reported that October 14th was being designated as "City Hall" day at the City of Pendleton which gave citizens a chance to speak to legislators about issues. She said the meeting conflicts with a meeting that was scheduled with the Milton-Freewater Unified School Board on that same night. Ms. Hall suggested some of the councilors attend the "City Hall" meeting in Pendleton and some attend the School Board meeting.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Irving said there was a Live Stock Producers dinner held at the Golf Course Restaurant with about thirty two (32) people who attended. He said they were served steak dinners within about twenty (20) minutes and he said he asked a few people about their dinners and received good feedback. There was an open house at Sun Catcher's studio that was held. There was also another meeting that was scheduled for the Community Building but was changed to the Albee Room and it was called "SOLVE". SOLVE is a group of volunteers that go throughout the State cleaning up areas. The meeting was about the State of Oregon's 150 year anniversary in 2009. He said for the first five hundred (500) cities that apply they was funding of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each project that was being worked on. There were certain criteria's that applied to qualify for the funding. He said that SOLVE was holding another meeting Tuesday October 21st at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Albee Room. He said the meeting was a free, hand's on workshop on how to lead successful community projects. Some of the projects talked about in the meeting were repainting the rail road bridge with a possible mural to discourage graffiti. Another item was cleaning out the Milton ditch and the Walla Walla River ditch. Work with Oregon Department of Transportation on the South entrance to the community. He said SOLVE has had some really good success stories. He said he would like to see some people from the Parks and Recreation Committee there along with city staff and that he was going to try and take the day off from work to attend the meeting as well. Councilor Irving said he did some follow-up on a vehicle bid that recently was awarded and said that Gilbert Chevrolet Dealership did not provide a bid because only rear wheel drive was allowed to be bid on. He said he would like to have front and rear wheel drive vehicles bid on. He felt that rear wheel drive vehicles did not offer the mileage savings that front wheel drive did.

Councilor Kelley said the first Community Council meeting was held on September 22nd from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Albee Room. She said Ben Warner from Jacksonville, Florida was there and they had just hired the first Executive Director Julie Reese. The Community Council had become a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. She said the first topic that was going to be studied was Educational Mental Health and Housing Stability Needs of Children in the Region. She said they met and were looking for volunteers in the Milton-Freewater Area. The Community Council would begin meeting every Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. from October 29, 2008 through mid April 2009. The topic will be studied and then recommendations would be made as a group. She said if anyone was interested they could email Julie at julie@wallawallavitalsigns.org. She said it was a really good avenue for communities to have input on what the resources and needs where. At the meeting that was held she said there was a lot of interest in more local needs like education. She said that it was a three (3) county region from Dayton, Washington to Milton-Freewater and from Snake River to Burbank, Washington.

Councilor Chesnut said the first clean-up/spruce-up award was presented at the beginning of the meeting and he reminded the other councilors that nominations were back open for the next award to be presented. He said he attended the first Economic Opportunities Analysis work group meeting and said there was a lot of information from that meeting. He said there was a website setup that the group members could go to and make comments and read the other comments. He also reported that he has attended four meetings on wind energy. He said Mr. Jolly was going to provide the complete print out of the Umatilla County's Comprehensive Plan and the technical report which was the data appendix of the comprehensive plan. He said he was going to take a look at that to see if there was something in the existing regulations that would be helpful in addressing the concerns about the view shed.

Councilor Lyon left the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Ms. Jolly said that Milton-Freewater had lost a long time citizen, Edith Odoms who was ninety nine (99) years old. She had taught at Freewater School for sixteen (16) years. She said Ms. Odoms was a very positive person and encouraged people to get up and exercise.

Councilor Lyon returned at 9:44 p.m.

Councilor Woods said that Ms. Odoms had written a book called, "*Get Up and Exercise*" he said it was a very good book.

Mayor Key said he had his annual cancer check-up in Seattle and everything check-out good.

There being no further business, council adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Lewis S. Key, Mayor